

REMARKS

Claims 1, and 3-18 remain pending in this application with claims 1, 3-7, 11 and 13 being amended and claim 2 being cancelled by this response.

Rejection of Claims 3-9, 11 and 13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

Claims 3-9, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The claims have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to provide antecedent basis for all terms contained therein. In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1, 10, 14 and 15 under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1, 10, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Feenan et al. Claim 2 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 and thus claim 1 is also allowable. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 10, 14 and 15 are dependent on claim 1 and thus are also allowable. In view of the amendments to claim 1, the cancellation of claim 2 and the dependence of claims 10, 14 and 15 on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 3 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feenan et al. Claim 2 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 and thus claim 1 is also allowable. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 3 is dependent on claim 1 and thus is also allowable. In view of the amendments to claim 1, the

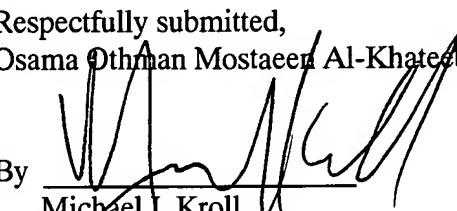
cancellation of claim 2 and the dependence of claim 3 on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

As all claims now pending are allowable, it is respectfully requested that this application now be allowed to issue.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

Alternatively, should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, he is cordially invited to contact Mr. Michael Kroll, Esq. at 171 Stillwell Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, telephone number (516) 367-7777, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance. The address and telephone number for Michael I. Kroll stated above is as listed on the original Power of Attorney.

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